

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: Sept. 15, 2004

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☒

Department: DISTRICT 5

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Proclamation to observe September 9-10, 2004 as "The Grand Inaugural of the Eleventh President of the University of Florida"

ITEM BACKGROUND: The proclamation was requested by Karen Willis, University of Florida Inaugural Steering Committee, to celebrate the inauguration of the 11th president, Dr. J. Bernard Machen.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: N/A

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ AMOUNT PER MONTH _____ Year _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty ☐ OMB/Purchasing ☐ Risk Management ☐

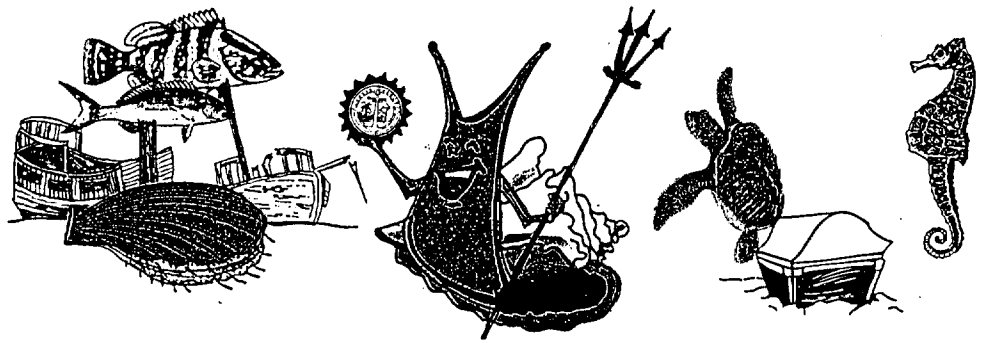
DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:

Murray E. Nelson
MAYOR MURRAY E. NELSON

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☒ To Follow ☐ Not Required ☐

DISPOSITION: _____

AGENDA ITEM # B1



Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS the County of Monroe is a proud supporter of the University of Florida and passionate champion of the ideals of American higher education, and

WHEREAS the University of Florida has a proud tradition and serves as a leading institution of higher learning of the State of Florida, continually serving its communities, its state, its nation and the world at large both faithfully and exceptionally while performing its mission of teaching, research and service, and

WHEREAS the university, Florida's largest, now enrolls and provides the opportunities inherent in higher education to more than 48-thousand students, making it the fourth largest campus in the country, and whose student population and list of alumni represents all of Florida's 67 counties, all fifty states, and more than 100 countries, thereby bringing cultural and intellectual diversity to its campus while also significantly extending the ideals of the American and Florida higher education system worldwide, and

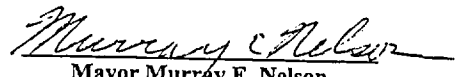
WHEREAS the university ranks first among all public universities in the number of National Achievement Scholars enrolled in the Fall 2003 freshman class, and ranks second among all public universities in enrolling National Merit Scholars in that same class, demonstrating the appeal of the high standards of a University of Florida education to the state's and nation's top young scholars from every American community, and

WHEREAS the university is home to one of the finest faculty and staff to be found on any American campus, where a record \$458 million in research and training grants were awarded in the academic year ending in 2003, adding to the respect of peer institutions and commentators on academic institutions already enjoyed by the University of Florida, and

WHEREAS Dr. J. Bernard Machen comes to the University of Florida extremely qualified to become the university's 11th president, bringing with him extensive experience in leadership and academic endeavors honed through a career of exceptional service and advancement within the community of higher education,

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of Monroe County, I do hereby proclaim the days of September 9-10, 2004 as "The Grand Inaugural of the Eleventh President of the University of Florida" in the County of Monroe and invite all our citizens to join me in congratulating the university and its new president for this significant milestone of the university's glorious history.

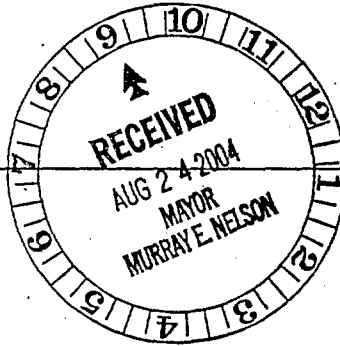
WITNESS my hand and seal of the County of Monroe, Florida, this 15th day of September, 2004.


Mayor Murray E. Nelson



Inaugural Steering Committee
J. Bernard Machen Inauguration

August 10, 2004



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Dear Chair of the Commission:

On September 10th, Dr. J. Bernard "Bernie" Machen will be inaugurated as the University of Florida's 11th president. As Florida's largest university with many alumni in your city and county, we would be honored if you and your citizens would celebrate with us by authorizing the Proclamation herein.

Thank you for considering our request. We would also welcome you and your fellow commissioners to visit Gainesville, Florida, September 9-10 as we celebrate the Grand Inaugural of our new President. Please contact our offices if you have further questions at 352-294-2003.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Willis".

Karen Willis
University of Florida Inaugural Steering Committee